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DGS Begins Construction on Eastern Sidewalk of 9th Street, Closing Parts of Sidewalk

*~ Work will limit entrances to Capitol Square, parts of
sidewalk will be closed into the fall ~*

RICHMOND, VA – The Department of General Services (DGS) today announced that they are beginning construction on the eastern sidewalk of 9th Street, located next to the western fence line of Capitol Square beginning on April 28.

DGS is closing the 9th Street sidewalk in sections for the construction, and entrances to Capitol Square from 9th Street will be limited. The Capitol Square entrance at the corner of Bank and 9th streets will close from April 28 through June 15, as work begins on the section of sidewalk surrounding that entrance. Starting on June 16, the Bell Tower entrance to Capitol Square will close and remain closed through August 10, as will the sidewalk surrounding that entrance. The North Drive entrance to Capitol Square is closed until further notice due to the DGS North Drive enhancements project.

Due to this sidewalk construction, GRTC is relocating the 9th Street bus stop to 7th Street on April 28.

DGS is providing improvements to the 9th Street sidewalk, so that the area reflects a similar aesthetic as the rest of Capitol Square. Improvements include installing light fixtures that match those on Capitol Square, replacing the current concrete sidewalk with a brick herringbone pattern as seen on Capitol Square, and adding in granite curbs. DGS also will remove trees and planters on the sidewalk to create a broader walking path and increase visibility. The project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2021.

As a reminder, this sidewalk closure is the latest in a number of lane and sidewalk closures in the vicinity.

The eastern sidewalk of 8th Street and the eastern lane and middle lane of 8th Street all are closed until further notice due to construction. The most western lane, middle lane and western sidewalk of 9th Street are closed and will remain closed until further notice due to the construction. The southern half of the Broad Street sidewalk from 8th Street to 9th Street, which goes behind the Pulse station, also has been closed and will remain closed until further notice.

“With the lane and sidewalk closures, it is imperative that individuals be aware of their surroundings,” **said DGS Director Joe Damico**. “Our primary concern at DGS is safety, and we want to make sure that people who are navigating around the construction site and our construction crews are safe.”

These sidewalk and lane closures are subject to change throughout the duration of these construction projects.

About DGS: DGS provides laboratory, procurement, real estate, and engineering and architectural services for state agencies, as well as fleet vehicle management, graphic design, surplus property disposal, and mail services at the seat of government. The agency also manages the facilities and grounds at Capitol Square.

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